

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DMH/LASD PARTNERSHIP



The Los Angeles County Sheriffs' Department Community College Bureau has provided contract law enforcement and security services to the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) since 2001. LACCD is the largest community college district in the nation providing academic and vocational programs to a full-time student population of approximately 150,000 per semester. LACCD serves more than 36 cities in an 882 square mile area. The Los Angeles Community College District comprises 8% of all California community college enrollments.

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's School Threat Assessment Response Team (START) provides Assessment, Intervention, Early Screening and Identification, Case Management and Monitoring, Training and Program Consultation for educational institutions throughout Los Angeles County. START has always worked closely with the Community College Bureau.

The START Team, LASD, and LACCD came together on September 8, 2015, to launch a first.... embedding START teams within the Community College Bureau to serve the nine colleges and three satellite facilities within the LACCD.

The Community College Bureau now has two full time dedicated School Threat Assessment Response Team clinicians thanks to our partnership with the Department of Mental Health. Dr. Jose Navarro is a licensed Clinical Psychologist and Taia Davis is a licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Dr. Navarro is partnered with Deputy Humberto Barragan and they work with Los Angeles City College, East Los Angeles College, Harbor College, Southwest College, Trade Technical College, and West Los Angeles College. Taia works with Mission College, Valley College, and Pierce College. LACCD is augmenting sworn



staffing within the College Bureau, including a fulltime deputy sheriff partner for Taia.

To date, the teams collectively have handled 54 referrals and completed 27 mental health threat assessments throughout the nine colleges. They have already helped so many in such a short time span. We look forward to our collaboration and expansion for many more years to come. Hope our partnership continues and expands for a long time to come.